

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, alleging that the instant application presented two distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-34, drawn to a method and apparatus of determining the presence of a target agent, classified in class 356, subclass 445;
- II. Claims 35-38, drawn to a method of making a sensor element, classified in class 430, subclass 1.

The undersigned representative hereby elects Claims 1-34, without traverse. The undersigned representative reserves the right to file a continuation application for the remaining Group and claims. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

Respectfully submitted,

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